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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 14th/September, through Sunday, 21st/September there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0S, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T33, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD9, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2003 MOST WANTED SURVEY. Carl Smith, N4AA, Editor/Publisher - QRZ DX and The DX Magazine (Also, DX Column Editor for CQ Magazine), has once again asked OPDX to help spread the word that the "DX Magazine Most Wanted Survey" is now being taken, and the deadline to respond is October 15th. Here is your chance to be counted and list the DXCC entities you need or do not have confirmed yet. Not all DXCC entities are listed, only the obvious hard ones. The 2003 survey is available on the Web at:

http://www.dxpub.com/dx_survey2003.html Look for the results to be listed in early 2004.

3C0, ANNOBON ISLAND. Everything seems to be a go with next weekend's 3C0V DXpedition which begins **September 26th** and ends **October 10th**. Operators and their

callsigns are: Franz/DJ9ZB - **3C0F**, Elmo/EA5BYP - **3C0A**, Victor/EA5FO - **3C0R**, Vicente/EA5YN - **3C0V**, Activity will be on all bands 160-6 meters CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and some SSTV. They hope to have at least two stations on the air 24 hours a day. They are still looking for donations; any amount as small as it may be will be appreciated and can be sent to: DX Club Tabarca Island, President Elmo EA5BYP, P.O. Box 3097, 03080 Alicante, Spain. QSL via DJ9ZB. For more information on the 3C0V DXpedition, visit the following Web page at: <http://www.tabarca.es.mn>

4W, TIMOR LESTE. Peter, **4W3CW**, was heard this past weekend on 30/20/17/12 meters CW between 1000-1330z. He will be on the air for **one more year**. He works only CW with 100 watts into a vertical. QSL via: Peter McKay, UNMISSET, PO Box 2436, Darwin, NT 0801, Australia.

5R8, MADAGASCAR (IOTA Op). Remember Phil, G3SWH, and his wife are expected to fly to **Ile Sainte Marie (IOTA AF-090)** on **September 22nd** and stay until the **27th**. Phil was active this past week as **5R8HA** on 30/20/17 meters CW. He will use the callsign **5R8HA/p** from IOTA **AF-090**. Again, activity is expected on 40-10 meters, CW only. Please remember that he is on holiday and not a DXpedition. QSL via G3SWH.

9H, MALTA (Contest/IOTA Op). The Latvia team consisting of Girts/YL2KL, Karl/YL2MD and Andy/YL2GQT will be active from **Gozo Island (EU-023)** as 9H3M during the **CQ/RJ Worldwide DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th)** as a Multi-Single or Multi-2 entry. QSL via YL2KL. The team will be there from **September 24-30th** and will be active outside of the contest. Look for Girts/YL2KL as **9H3KKL**, Karl/YL2MD as **9H3MMD** and Andy/YL2GQT as **9H3GQT**. Activity will be on all HF bands CW/SSB/RTTY.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Bob, N2OO, will once again be operating from the Hillview Gardens Resort station <http://www.qsl.net/9m6aac/> from **October 19th through November 13th** as **9M6OO**. QSL via N2OO. Visit Bob's, N2OO/9M6OO, homepage at: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/> Check out the 9M6AAC/9M6A Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/9m6aac/>

9N, NEPAL. Janusz, SP9FIH, informs OPDX that he will probably be in Nepal from **November 15th to December 5th**. He expects to only be active on the bands between 20-12 meters because the cost of the amateur radio licence is rather high (about 50 USD per band and 100W transmitter). He will try to concentrate on U.S. propagation as he knows it is a difficult area for U.S. amateurs. Janusz is looking for any advice on what bands and at what times he should operate from during this time of the year (Is there a long path route?). Suggestions are welcome, E-mail to: sp9fih@poczta.onet.pl

9Y4, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Ben, DL6FBL, will be active as **9Y4TBG** in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th)** as a Single-Op/All Band/ High Power entry. Antennas to be used are: 10/15/20m (two Tribanders), 40m (2-element beam) and 80/160m (Titanex Vertical, K9AY Loop). QSL via DL4MDO. His web page for this operation is at: <http://www.dl6fbl.de/9y4tbg/>

A5, BHUTAN. Hawk, SM5AQD, informs OPDX that he and Pelle, SM7EHU, would be active from A52-land between **September 25th and October 2nd**. Callsigns and their plans of activity/operations were not provided. QSL via SM7EHU.

BQ9P, PRATAS ISLAND. The Chinese Taipei Amateur Radio League (CTARL) is planning to head back to Pratas Island during an upcoming freight schedule arrangement for Pratas Island, **October 7-16th**. Updated operator list so far is: BV4FH, BV3BW, BV3FG, JI6KVR, DL3DXX, DK7YY, ZL4PO, OE1WHC and N2OO. They plan to have two stations on the low bands, which will be the focus of DL3DXX and DK7YY. Concentration will also be made on the WARC bands and SSTV. Paul, BV4FH, and team are looking for BQ9P DXpedition sponsors and pilot stations. If you can help, please contact JI6KVR at: ji6kvr@orange.ocn.ne.jp Lee, ZL2AL, is the pilot station for the ZL/VK area. The BQ9P Web site is at: <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm>

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, announced that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

- **IRAQ - YI1BGD** - This operation was on hold for DXCC credit from March 18, 2003 and after. Anyone who had this rejected should contact DXCC at < dxcc@arrl.org > to have their record updated.

EY8, TAJUKISTAN. Nodir, **EY8MM**, expects to be active in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th)** as a Single-Op/Single Band (80m) entry. QSL via K1BV.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Akira, JE4WKR, will be active as **FK/JE4WKR** from **September 23-26th** from **Ile de Pins (OC-032)**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau to his home callsign or direct to: Akira Yasumoto, 1-56, Asahihonmachi, Okayama, 700-0865 JAPAN.

FO/A, AUSTRAL ISLANDS. Operaors Richard/DJ4OI, Andreas/DL3GA, Markus/ DL1IAN, and Joachim/DF6IC are now active as **FO/homecall** from **Tubuai (OC-152)** until **October 3rd**. Activity has been mainly CW/SSB but look for RTTY and digital modes. Their expected activity should be on 80-6 meters including the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsign, bureau or direct.

FS, ST. MARTIN. Operators David/K3LP (leader), Larry/N7DD and Clint/W3ARS will head to St. Martin and arrive **November 14th**. They plan to install antennas and operate as **FS/K3LP** in the **CQWW CW Contest** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via K5KV. Outside of the contest, look for them to sign **FS/K3LP** (David), **FS/N7DD** (Larry), and **FS/W3ARS**. They will return home in **December**.

HR6, HONDURAS. Joe, VE3BW, has informed OPDX that he has changed his plans for the **CQWW SSB Contest** and will not be going to St. Kitts (V4). Instead, he will be operating from **Roatan**, Honduras, from **October 19th to November 2nd** as **VE3BW/HR6**. His activity will be on 160-6 meters CW prior to contest. Peter, VA3WET, will also be joining him and when they are not diving, they will be active on the bands. QSL to their home callsigns.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-038.** Look for Madeleine, PA3CUZ, to be active from **Texel Island** between **October 2-9th**. Activity will be on SSB. Please, watch the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home callsign.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. Look for Kevin, **MW3AFR/p**, and Mel (callsign not provided) to be active **September 28th** from **Holyhead Breakwater Lighthouse** (ARLHS WAL-011). Activity will be mostly on 40 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Ron Lago, AC7DX, would like to tell the Ham community that he has found the following OLD logs and will try to confirm all old requests. Some logs are partial logs, some barely readable. Not all blank QSL cards have been found, but he will reprint the ones he does not have. These are all hand written logs and in disarray. Please allow him time to search through these by hand to find your call. Please send your request direct with return envelope and postage to: AC7DX, POB 25426, Eugene, Oregon 97402. Here is the list he has provided:

VK0HM	Heard Is.	VU2ACD	JT1AN	1978-80
VQ9CQ		XW8FA	C21BD	
VQ9SS		ZK2VE	Niue	T30W
VR1BD	1979	KC6VE	1995	T30AC
VR1PK	1979	KC6HA		4B9CQ
VR1AY	1979	KP4AM	1979-81	XB9Z
VP8AWU	1994	HL9MM		3D2WM
V31UN		HL9KLT		XH9Z
				1993

- **TG0AA QSL DELAY.** Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, informs OPDX: "The cards for my TG0AA operation in 2003 ARRL DX CW were ordered months ago from the PY2TNT QSL printing service. In the mean time, the fine gentlemen of the Club de Radioaficionados de Guatemala have been getting increasing numbers of anxious inquiries from DXers for status of QSL requests sent to the club. Weeks and weeks of emails to Anderson, PY2TNT, requesting status or return of my money have gone unanswered. Now E-mails bounce and the website of this questionable business is off line. The TG9 club is moving ahead with printing the cards via another route so this matter can be cleared up. Please accept my apologies for this unfortunate delay brought on by unethical business practices - I hope other operators are not waiting on cards from PY2TNT."

ROUTE 66 CALLSIGNS. OPDX has been asked to explain what are "Route 66" callsigns (N6A-N6M). This is a special event which took place between **September 6-14th**. This year's 4th annual "Route 66 On The Air" event was hosted by the "Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club". Several clubs from CA to IL participate in the event. There are certificates and special QSL cards available. The event is to celebrate the U.S. Highway 66, which was established in 1926 and was the first major improved highway that linked the West Coast with the nation's heartland. More details and QSL info is available via the following Web page:

<http://www.qsl.net/w6jbt/>

SPECIAL EVENT. The special event station, **EM225G**, is celebrating the **225th anniversary of Kherson City, Ukraine** (CQ zone 16, KH66hp), from **September 19-30th**. Activity over the past weekend was on 40/20 meters. Watch around 7076 and between 14200-210 kHz between 0900-1330z. QSL via UR3GM, by the bureau (Box 56, Kiev 01001, Ukraine), or direct to: Igor Pulin, Box 23, Kherson 73022, Ukraine. Bureau QSLs can be requested by sending an E-mail to: itel@ukrincom.net

SPECIAL EVENT. During the month of **October**, look for special event station, **HF8JP**, to be active to celebrate the **25 years of Pope John Paul II pontificate**. The station will be active on 80-2 meters CW/SSB and the digital modes. A special QSL will be available via SP8QED (direct or via the bureau).

V26, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. "Team Antigua" will once again activate **V26B** on the Beautiful Island Nation of Antigua and Barbuda in the 2003 running of the **CQWW SSB Contest** on **October 24-25th**. Their plans are to enter the Multi-Operator/Two-Transmitter category. Members of "Team Antigua" will also make special attempts to be active on RTTY, PSK31, 160 meters and the WARC bands a few days both before and after the contest. There is also a possibility of some 6 meter operations with conditions permitting. Their Grid Square is FK-97 and IOTA Number is NA-100. Operators will make their presence felt on all bands starting on or about **October 22th** until about **November 2nd**. The members of "Team Antigua" and their callsigns are:

- **V26B** - Sam/WT3Q, QSL via WT3Q
- **V26EW** - Ed/N2ED, QSL via N2ED
- **V26OC** - Brian/N3OC, QSL via N3OC
- **V26R** - Mike/KA2AEV, QSL via KA2AEV
- **V26U** - Bill/W2UDT, QSL via W2UDT

Also, a few new members will be announced later with their QSL routes when their Antigian Callsigns become finalized. For a complete station description (with photographs and rate charts) of The Team Antigua, V26B, Superstation, please visit their Web page at: <http://www.frc-contest.org/> (Click on the DXpeditions page and then the Team Antigua, V26B Link!)

V26, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. Operators Doug/W3CF, John/WX0B, Sharon/N5CK, Irwin/KD3TB, Andrew/KD3RF, Heinz/DL2BO and Sigmond/KM9M will activate the Royal Antiguan Radio Club Station, **V26DX**, as a Multi/2 Low Power entry for the **CQWW Phone Contest**. Operators begin activity **October 19th**, and the last one out is **November 1st**. QSL all V26DX QSOs via KU9C with appropriate return postage and self addressed envelope or via the bureau. QSL individual ops via on air instructions. Their planned activity will be on 6 meters and the WARC bands before and after the contest. ADDED NOTES: A "Top Gun" plaque will be given to the first single op station to work them on 6 bands. "Top Gun" T-Shirts will be awarded to the top 9 fastest 6 band single op Q's after that. Their antennas will include: Force 12 C4 yagi at 120', Optibeam 12-6 at 120', home brew - bent up 6 meter yagi at 120' and a 270' wire terminated over a salt pond @ 120'. Last year's pictures are available at: <http://w3cf.com>

FREE TRIP TO VP5! Kyle, WA4PGM, informs OPDX that "This is the final notice for those young ops interested in a FREE trip to VP5 during the CQWW CW Contest. Response has been disappointing so far with very few entries, go to < <http://www.vp5x.com> > for more details and get your essay in ASAP. A participant will be selected soon!"

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Dave, AH6HY, will be up and running from relatively rare **Grand Turk Island** (IOTA NA-003) from **September 26th to October 4th**, as **VP5/AH6HY**. His concentration will be on 40-10 meters, SSB only, using a combination of wire antennas or dipoles depending on the band. QSL is via AH6HY direct or via the bureau.

VP9, BERMUDA. Sasi, VU3SNM/9V1SM, will be active from Bermuda's **Biological Station for Research, October 18-27th**. Look for **VU3SNM/VP9** on 20-6 meters, PSK31 and SSB. Since this is a work related trip, most of the operations will be confined to a few hours in the evenings. QSL to his Manager Joe, W3HNK.

VP9, BERMUDA (Update/Postponed). Due to the result of the damage caused by the hurricane Fabian, Bert, PA3GIO, will now be active as **PA3GIO/VP9** from Bermuda (**NA-005**), **November 8-18th** (not September 18-28th as first planned). He will operate from the QTH of Ed, VP9GE, and will be active on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB. QSL via PA3GIO, preferably through the bureau (E-mail requests for bureau cards will be welcome at: qsl@pa3gio.nl The Web page for the operation is at: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VP9/>

XU, CAMBODIA. Hubert, **XU7ACI**, can sometimes be found on 15/20 meters SSB between 1300-1500z. He is currently working as a missionary in **Phnom Penh** for the next two years. QSL via KB8TJP.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. Masa, JG1OWV, informs OPDX that Sada, JA1AKF (not JA1AHF as listed in OPDX.626), signing **YA1D** from **Kabul**, is now active on SSTV and PSK with the help of YA1PBV. Look for low band operations to take place after November (Masa will keep us informed). Also, the club station, **YA0J**, was active on **September 11th** with guest operators as a memorial. QSL for YA1D and YA0J is via JG1OWV. Masa states that YA1D QSL should be in the mail this week.

ZK3, TOKELAU ISLANDS. Willie, DJ7RJ, is now active as **ZK3MW**. Over the past weekend he has been very active on 30/12 meters CW with some 15 meters SSB (with a good signal). He is expected to be there **until September 28th**. QSL via DJ7RJ.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Allen, K6USN, was expected to be active as **ZK1USN** from **Rarotonga Island (OC-013)** this past week, but there were no QSNs reported. By the time you read this, he is expected to activate **Aitutaki Island (OC-083)** next for nine days. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via K6USN.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. Sasi, 9V1SM (VU3SNM), will be active as **ZL/9V1SM/P** from the QTHs of **Christchurch** and **Auckland**. His operation should commence on **September 27th** and ends on **October 4th**. Activity will be on 20-6 meters, PSK31 and SSB. QSL to his Manager, Joe, W3HNK.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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